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EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR

	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
BETTER	41%	41%	42%	40%	32%	28%	33%	29%	33%	35%	35%	36%	39%
SAME	28	30	34	36	39	45	42	47	39	42	40	39	37
WORSE	28	28	22	23	27	26	24	22	26	22	24	23	22
DK, NA	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	602	603	602	611	604	603	602	612	604	606	604	622	609
INDEX SCORE	113	113	120	117	105	102	109	107	107	113	111	113	117

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	119	117	115	117	114	108	105	106	108	109	110	112	114
Age 18 to 44	109	105	104	110	110	106	102	102	101	105	108	111	109
Age 45 to 64	122	123	121	119	114	108	107	107	110	109	109	111	117
Age 65+	131	127	125	123	122	112	109	112	117	116	116	117	119
Income Bottom Third	115	111	109	106	104	100	100	103	103	106	106	109	104
Income Middle Third	125	122	119	123	120	114	108	105	105	105	108	108	114
Income Top Third	117	116	116	121	118	110	108	110	115	116	117	119	120

The question was: "And how about a year from now, do you expect that in the country as a whole business conditions will be better or worse than they are at present, or just about the same?"

*: Less than half of one percent. Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100